

Lake Mead

National Recreation Area

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Discover...

Lake Mead National Recreation Area from Boulder City

If you are exploring Lake Mead National Recreation Area by way of Boulder City, here are some special places to discover.

Alan Bible Visitor Center

Learn more about Lake Mead National Recreation Area at the Alan Bible Visitor Center with knowledgeable rangers, exhibits and an interactive three-dimensional relief map of the park. The visitor center also houses a gift shop and bookstore.

Campgrounds

Bring the RV or a tent to camp out at Las Vegas Bay, Callville Bay, Lake Mead RV Village or the newly renovated Boulder Beach Campground. Each campground has its own unique view of the Boulder Basin and Fortification Hill.

Historic Railroad Trail

Hike or bike along the original railroad bed that the trains used to haul equipment during the construction of Hoover Dam. The trail is 3.7 miles long from the parking lot and ends at the Hoover Dam parking garage.

Arizona Hot Spring

This is a strenuous hike down through White Rock Canyon or Hot Spring Canyon to get to the Arizona Hot Spring. Leave yourself time to soak in the

relaxing hot water of the spring. The White Rock Canyon approach will require you to climb a 20-foot ladder to get up to the hot spring. The 'lower' Hot Spring Canyon approach requires some skilled climbing. The hot spring can also be accessed by boat. Not recommended in the summer as the canyons can get very hot.

Lake Mead Cruises

Enjoy the lake on the Desert Princess, a paddleboat tour of the Boulder Basin from Hemenway Harbor to views of Hoover Dam. Relax and sightsee from climate-controlled decks and enjoy a meal or drinks from the Paddlewheel Grill.

Black Canyon Raft Tours

Enjoy a relaxing float down the Colorado River from below Hoover Dam to Willow Beach. Keep an eye out for desert bighorn sheep scrambling up the cliff faces.

Lakeshore Road

Take a drive along scenic Lakeshore Road. There are several turn offs that lead to picnic areas with fabulous views, shade and restrooms. Some areas have a short hike to shore access.

Las Vegas Boat Harbor

Located right outside historic Boulder City, visitors can rent

boats, eat at the marina restaurant or do a little shopping in the gift shop at Las Vegas Boat Harbor. Enjoy spectacular views of the Boulder Basin.

River Mountains Loop Trail

Visitors can enjoy cycling, walking or running along the 35-mile paved loop trail that takes you through west Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Henderson and Boulder City. Enjoy spectacular views of the park.

Willow Beach

Rent a boat, kayak or canoe to enjoy the cold, clear water and geological scenery of Black Canyon. Stroll down the newly completed river walk, enjoy fresh food from the Grill on the deck overlooking the river, cast a line from the fishing pier or just do it all!

Please practice these safety tips while discovering Lake Mead National Recreation Area:

- Carry and drink water
- Take a buddy
- Leave an itinerary
- Protect yourself from sun, thorns and wildlife
- Wear sturdy shoes
- Don't rely on cell service
- Don't hike in the summer

